

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. **(currently amended)** A method for influencing behavior in ~~young, adult or aged pet animals~~ an animal, the method comprising which comprises systemically administering to the animal a ~~behavior influencing quantity~~ composition comprising at least about 0.5% by weight of an omega-3 fatty acid or mixture of omega-3 fatty acids as measured on a dry matter basis.

2. **(original)** The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the animal is a dog or a cat.

3. **(original)** The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is about 1 to 6 years of age.

4. **(original)** The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is at least about 7 years of age.

5. **(original)** The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat has an observable behavior deficit prior to administration of the omega-3 fatty acid or mixtures thereof.

6. **(original)** The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat does not have cancer or arthritis.

7. **(original)** The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is up to about 1 year of age.

8. **(withdrawn)** A composition suitable for systemic administration to a young adult or aged pet animal which comprises a carrier and a behavior influencing quantity of an omega-3 fatty acid or a mixture of omega-3 fatty acids.

9. **(new)** The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the composition comprises from about 0.5% to about 10% by weight of an omega-3 fatty acid or a mixture of omega-3 fatty acids.

10. **(new)** The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the omega-3 fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of EPA, DHA, ALA, octadecatetraenoic acid, and mixtures thereof.

11. **(new)** The method in accordance with claim 10, wherein the composition comprises from about 1% to about 5% by weight of a mixture of EPA and DHA.